



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 00-713-i21)**

In re Application of:	)	
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Chad A. Mirkin, et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: J. Riley
Serial No.: 09/976,618	)	
	)	Art Unit: 1637
Filed: October 12, 2001	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 1752
For: NANOPARTICLES HAVING	)	
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THERETO AND USES THEREFOR	)	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 16, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith.